



WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET RACERS

# ENGLISH ROAD LEGAL QUADS

What makes Great Britain Great

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□ In England, they call them road legal quads. These specially modified machines have passed muster to become country lane cruising beasts on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. With a few simple modifications, our British cousins can enjoy their ATVs all along the highways and byways of their side of the pond, be it on the wrong (left) side of the road.

## HOW THEY DO IT

To get street legal status, a vehicle must comply with the requirements of the road traffic act of 1988 in Great Britain. The machine must be current in terms of road tax, insurance and all of their legal requirements. The driver also needs to hold a full car driving license in England as well.

To ride a quad bike (as they call them in England) on the road, the

vehicle must have road legal tires, lights, horn, speedometer, road mirrors, and be registered with the country's automobile registration system and have a license plate. Although not a legal requirement at the moment, it is also strongly recommended that a helmet be worn at all times.

We had Doug Eichner take a spin aboard a specially prepped Yamaha

Raptor 700R while he was visiting England on his way to the Pont De Vaux race in France. The machine had been set up for the street by ATV World (phone -44-1132-778-663) a shop in Leeds that specializes in building custom quads for dirt and street. The machine was set up for fast street cruising, and Doug was more than happy to take it out for a spin, even though driving on the

opposite side of the road was a bit unnerving at first.

"First of all, you have to ride on the left hand side of the road over there. It's a bit odd at first but you get used to it. It almost feels like a go cart on the pavement. It's really responsive, even a little bit twitchy. But with the perfect traction that asphalt offers, you can jet out of the corners and rocket around," said Eichner.

"We did happen to get a lot of funny stares when we took the machine through a local McDonald's drive through over there," laughs Doug. "The manager wasn't too happy to see me pull up and order a Happy Meal. The guys behind me were busy snapping pictures."

"We left the McDonald's and I started doing some pavement power slides with the Raptor and soon a



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Our pair of extremely sanitized Raptor 700s were set up for road legal use in Great Britain by the folks over at ATV World in Leeds, England.

## ENGLISH STREET QUAD

Machine ..... Yamaha Raptor 700R 2006  
Engine mods ..... Duncan Racing Bolt On Kit with Fat Boy 4 exhaust, Pro Flow Air Cleaner Kit & Vortex EFI Interceptor  
Street legal stuff ..... Mirrors, turn indicators and Pulse handguards, Trailtech speedometer  
Suspension ..... Elka suspension long travel dual rate fronts and dual rear A-arms Laegers ..... A-Arms +2 Powder coated  
Nerfs ..... ProArmor Nerf Bars Fatpeg, steel radiator cover  
Bars ..... TAG Handlebar  
Seat ..... ZIP custom seat cover  
Tires ..... Goldspeed tires w/ Motorsport alloy wheels  
Brakes ..... Wave front & rear brake discs  
Controls ..... Beringer front brake clutch lever  
Skids ..... Glide plate & skid plate GYTR  
Miscellaneous ..... Duncan Racing front bumper, handbrake block off plate, chrome engine mounts, Steel braided brake line, DID Chain, Pro-Tech UK Billet fuel cap and breather, DNA Air filter, Motion pro cable throttle, GYTR carbon fiber look front plastic



The ATV World Raptors got loads of stares and comments from the locals. Goldspeed tires with Motorsport alloy wheels gave the machines a sleek and sexy look for the road.

crowd had gathered to watch. Everything happens quicker on the pavement, so you have to pay attention more. It accelerates quicker, turns quicker and generally

responds immediately. Everything is intensified. Once you get used to it, though, it was neat having that kind of instant traction.

"Having a street legal quad in the

States would be great. Our roads are wider and safer, I feel, and as long as you take the time to adjust to it, it's not that dangerous. I could get into it." □